

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 15th December 2016 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public attended.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil – No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- SHDC will support any Neighbourhood Plan which includes a restriction on second home ownership of newly built accommodation.
- SHDC have still not heard how much the government grant will be. This will cease in 2020.
- Devolution – there is a problem going forward because all councils involved need to be agreement. There is local opposition to having a mayor.
- DCC are putting up Council Tax to go towards the cost of social care.
- Local Authority Controlled Company is rumbling on.
- It is hoped that this summer there will be a concerted effort to solve the problems with car parks and meters which are being vandalised or removed.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman (Vice Chair), Ian Cumberlidge, Harry Fenton, Mark Hanson, Ralph Clark, David Rothwell
In attendance : S. Winstanley (Clerk), Cllr Foss

APOLOGIES – Cllr Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17th November 2016

It was proposed seconded and *resolved* that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

R. Clark declared a personal interest in No 1 Crestfield which is opposite his home.

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- The TAP fund had been applied for to purchase a portable Vehicle Activated Sign which it is hoped will benefit not only the Parish but the wider community.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. There are two lots of long term work going on in our area. The sheet piling at Torcross affects us and is continuing unabated. The piles are now driven and the work to concrete them in is taking place. I find the lights dazzling when driving at night.
2. The second is the continuing installation of the second mast at Start Point. The mast is for use in South Wales and the work is expected to be completed in January.
3. Possible night landing site for Air Ambulance. The HV cables will be underground tomorrow and the trench will be back filled. The power cut to cut and reconnect will, be as far as is known, on the 21st December.

4. Strete Gate never ceases to cause some problem. The doughnuts are back and a very large amount of granulated rubber has been deposited. Four wheel vehicles now park quite happily on the sea side on the herbage. I pointed out to one perpetrator that it was a SSSI.
5. On behalf of the PC I attended the opening of the new Dartmouth Indoor Pool and met Duncan Goodhew.
6. I met Andy Aherne, the Playdale surveyor at the play park and discussed the spinner which is damaged and needs to be repaired within 6 months – awaiting emails & photos.
7. The work to do some gardening at Dawne will take place on Monday next week. I will be present to field any questions from interested parties.

6. PLANNING: None

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark - Report for NP November 2016

- Thanks were extended to volunteers who hand delivered the 'Call for Sites' newsletter during week ending 27th November 2016. The advert appeared on page 7 of the Dartmouth Chronicle on 9th December 2016.
- Email contact has been received from Mr Charles Dixon (the Land Agent for the Toll family and the Newman family) enquiring if we wish to receive representations and the views of these two Estates and their suggestions for sites.
A response has been returned together with copies of the two maps prepared by members showing sensitive, restrained, protected and potential development areas together with the appropriate comments included in the 'Call for Sites' advert.
- Richard Boyt provided draft policies which were discussed at length at the last meeting. From the comments raised it was agreed that RB would set out where the evidence obtained in the chapter headings could be structured to fit with the draft policies presented. RB advised additional evidence to fill some of the gaps was needed.
RB suggested engaging a policy-writing specialist for the latter stages of the NP as the context writing needed is time consuming and a big ask for any lay person to undertake.
Contact has been made with Lee Bray (ex SHDC policy-writer) who has, from information passed to him, advised he is available, expects his involvement to take 6 or 7 days with completion by April 2017 and his likely costs to be £3 to £3.5k. Lee has worked with Ivybridge to complete their NP.
A further £2k grant should be available to claim from 'My Community'. However, this may not be sufficient to meet the remaining costs to completion.
- Graham Campbell raised the issue of second home ownership control and referenced the policy included in the St Ives NDP as an example that could be included in Strete NP. Members agreed that a similar arrangement for Strete NP should be adopted.
- Following discussions about the proposed policy-writer costs amongst members RC requested approval to proceed with engaging Lee Bray. The parish clerk advised three quotes would be needed before expenditure could be agreed due to the quote being valued at more than £500. The request to engage a policy-writer was deferred until additional quotes had been obtained for consideration.

8. To discuss the provision of new notice boards.

Following discussion it was agreed that the PC go ahead and purchase a new notice board and a grant from the Locality Budget will be sought.

9. To discuss 'Keep Britain Tidy' initiative

The dates are the 3-5 March 2017 and it was agreed that the Parish take part and volunteers are sought. It was noted that fly tipping by the recycling banks near Manor Farm has taken place.

10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – as above
- L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads
 - J. Gilbert has begun cutting the hedges
- D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – Phone box – at a future meeting a budget needs to be discussed.
- H. Fenton – Village Green – All is well
- I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – The fence at the top of Strete Gate car park Needs to be repaired. No other problems.
- R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

11. FINANCE

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 1451 - £315.00 – T. Hallett (grass cutting & hedge trimming)
 - 1452 - £611.40 – Greenspace (grass cutting)
 - 1453 - £90.00 – P. Westlake – (buddle hole clearance)
 - 1454 - £21.47 - R. Clarke (for printing)
 - 1455 - £150.00 – Grant Thornton (audit)
 - 1456 - £78.60 - HMRC
 - 1457 - £228.97 – S. Winstanley (Dec)
 - 1458 - £61.50 – Strete Parish Hall – Hire of Hall (£19 PC and £42.50 NP)
 - 1459 - £375.00 – S. Hams Planning **Resolved**
- b) Cash at bank – £24,387.73
- c) To discuss a budget proposal for the Precept for 2017/18
 - It was **resolved** to increase the Precept by £900 (ie a one off cost to each elector of £2.16 to budget for additional cost to complete the Neighbourhood Plan, the refurbishment of the phone box and the provision of a portable Vehicle Activated Sign and possible road sweeping.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - None**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19th January 2017 - Strete Parish Hall at 7pm**

Signed

Chair

ACTION POINTS :

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| Clerk | 1. Report fly tipping by the recycling bins |
| | 2. Order a new notice board |
| | 3. Obtain quotes from Policy Writers |
| D. Rothwell | 4. Obtain quotes for repairing telephone box |

